

State of South Dakota

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1003

Introduced by: Representatives Juhnke, Bartling, Deadrick (Thomas), and Garnos and
Senators Duenwald and Koskan

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Requesting the Game, Fish and Parks Commission to make
2 certain adjustments to the Youth Pheasant Season and the Early Resident-Only Pheasant
3 Season.

4 WHEREAS, South Dakota's Youth Pheasant Season has been a popular program that allows
5 young hunters aged twelve to fifteen to hunt pheasants during the weekend before the regular
6 pheasant season opens if they are accompanied by an unarmed adult; and

7 WHEREAS, in 2002, South Dakota instituted an Early Resident-Only Pheasant season to
8 allow resident hunters the opportunity to hunt pheasants on public land during the weekend
9 before the regular pheasant season opens; and

10 WHEREAS, the Youth and Early Resident-Only hunts have been very successful in
11 providing quality hunting opportunities for South Dakota residents before the start of the regular
12 season without competition and congestion from out-of-state hunters; and

13 WHEREAS, these hunting opportunities have been helpful and should continue, but some
14 difficulties have been encountered because both the Youth and Early Resident-Only hunts fall
15 on the same dates. These include such occasional problems as distinguishing between adults



1 accompanying youth hunters and adults hunting on their own, competition for youth hunters
2 from adults on public land, and confusion over hunting hours, with the youth season opening at
3 sunrise and the resident-only season beginning at noon; and

4 WHEREAS, these problems could be minimized and the quality of the Youth Pheasant
5 Season and the Early Resident-Only Pheasant Season could be improved if the two seasons were
6 held on different dates and if shooting hours were standardized to follow the traditional noon
7 starting time:

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Seventy-
9 eighth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the
10 Legislature recommends and requests that the Game, Fish and Parks Commission schedule the
11 Youth Pheasant Season on the Saturday and Sunday before the opening of the regular pheasant
12 season and the Early Resident-Only Pheasant Season on the Monday and Tuesday before the
13 opening of the regular pheasant season, with the shooting hours for both seasons to begin at
14 noon.